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OSP - BUDGETING
J.J.Crowley to DD/S&T sub: Funds for OSP's FY 66 Activities

First year of OSP

Requested for FY 66 [redacted]
BPAM for reasons unknown reduced 66 budget to [redacted]
Assume BPAM believes NRP will furnish funds for OSP activities.

While OSP did not wish to suggest that the Agency underwrite its feasibility studies or exploratory efforts, which were a responsibility of NRP; however submitted that the Agency should fund OSP to organize presentations with supporting data collected from limited contractor efforts. Lack of this funding would place serious restrictions on the imagination and ingenuity in the reconnaissance field which had heretofore made CIA a pacemaker.

[redacted] approved was required for
FY 66, making a total of [redacted]

NRO review(s) completed.

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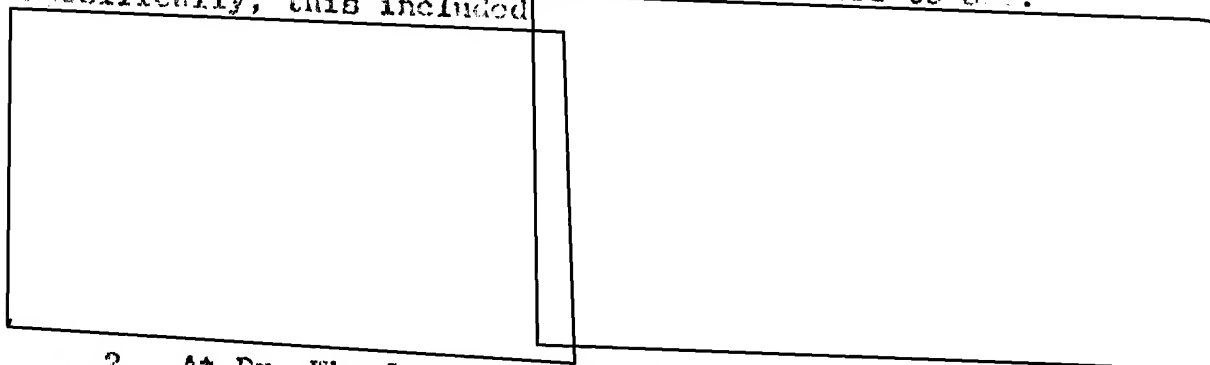
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29 September 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with OSA Relative to Transfer
of OSA Positions to OSP

1. On 27 September Messrs. Blake, Cunningham Crowley, McMahon, and General Ledford met with Dr. Wheelon regarding the transfer of OSA positions to OSP. In opening the meeting Dr. Wheelon asked that a status report be provided by the undersigned. It was pointed out that during the past year the Office of Special Activities had carried the burden in supporting the satellite activities, and now that the decision had been reached to establish an Office to discharge our satellite programs it was fitting that those personnel within OSA who virtually spent all of their time supporting satellite activities be transferred to OSP. Specifically, this included



2. At Dr. Wheelon's request the entire organizational structure of OSP was diagrammed on the board for General Ledford and a brief statement made as to the functions of each unit as well as the numbers of people involved.

3. Dr. Wheelon then made reference to a paper that OSA had prepared much earlier which identified [redacted] positions within OSA as supporting satellite activities. He asked General Ledford to go up to the board and define those positions. Ledford demurred and indicated that he could not do this, whereupon, Dr. Wheelon asked him if he had come to the meeting unprepared. Completely devastated

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by this ploy, Ledford found his prepared gripe to Wheelon over ill-management deflated. He made constant reference to the undersigned, whereupon, the undersigned suggested that he was not the only one involved in the exercise. The discussion went from bad to worse and was salvaged by Jack Blake who suggested that maybe a lot of people were at fault as far as management was concerned, but that did not change the fact that Ledford knew all along what was going on. Ledford admitted that he did have prior knowledge of our intentions.

4. The undersigned suggested that Ledford's prior knowledge had prompted him to race to his conclusion but, in fact, the meeting in which we were presently engaged had for its purpose the sorting out of OSA's views relative to the transfers. The undersigned further allowed that OSP would continue to look upon OSA for support in communications, travel, registry, fiscal, and would look for OSA to have [redacted] delegate contractual authority over to [redacted] with, of course, DDCI approval.

5. During the fracas, Crowley jumped in and suggested that Ledford was coming down on the wrong person, but the problem did not exist because of OSP's handling. When the smoke cleared, decision was reached that OSA and OSP would get together and prepare a recommendation for Dr. Wheelon's consideration by 1 October. Dr. Wheelon also assured General Ledford that he would provide him with a piece of paper describing his intent to relieve Ledford of all satellite responsibilities which he may be technically responsible for on the NRO books.

(Signed)

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